

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2750 - SB 2684

February 8, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the county administrator of elections to treat a voter registration card that has been returned a second time as a deficient registration and allows the voter to correct the deficiency up to five days before an election. Requires the county administrator of elections to mail all voter registration cards to voters and prohibits hand delivery. Changes the date that the Coordinator of Elections declares a person nominated for office in the primary from the third Thursday to the fourth Thursday after the primary election. Requires voting machines to remain locked until after the deadline for filing an election contest.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Expenditures - \$4,100*

Assumptions:

- According to the Coordinator of Elections, a statewide survey conducted by that office revealed that 64 counties mail all new registration cards to the voters.
- The remaining 31 counties hand out voter registration cards to some individuals that register in person at the local election commission office.
- An estimated 9,400 voter registration cards that are currently handed to the voter would be required to be mailed to the voter instead at an estimated cost of \$4,136 (9,400 voter registration cards x \$.44 postage).

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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